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# **Momentum Growing for GOP Budget**

## ***Family and Business Groups Endorse Budget Blueprint***

Washington - Over twenty major family and business groups have announced strong support for the Republican-sponsored budget to be considered this week in the House and Senate. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest business groups in the world, also indicated it may use the resolution vote as a "key vote" in rating Congressional performance.

Republicans this week introduced a budget that will lock away 100 percent of all future surpluses of the Social Security Trust Fund, that will pay down more debt than President Clinton's budget, and will maintain the bipartisan spending caps of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act. The resolution also provides additional resources for national security and education, and enacts tax relief beginning next year.

The 60-Plus Association, a seniors advocacy group, highlighted Republican efforts to set aside 100 percent of Social Security surpluses, saying, "A pledge of 100% for retirees is good news for seniors and their children and grandchildren." And in a letter to House Republican leaders, another seniors advocacy group, the AARP, said that it was "pleased the House Budget Resolution provides that protection" for retirees.

Other groups, including the Business Round Table and the National Taxpayers Union, hailed Republicans for staying within the outline of the 1997 spending restraints of the BBA.

Below is a list of major groups lending support to the Republican budget resolution:

AARP  
Americans for Tax Reform  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Business Roundtable  
Christian Coalition  
Citizens Against Government Waste  
Citizens for a Sound Economy  
Coalitions for America  
Family Research Council  
Food Marketing Institute  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Mortgage Brokers  
National Association of Realtors

National Association of Wholesaler Distributors  
National Federation of Independent Business  
National Jewish Coalition  
National Restaurant Association  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Taxpayers Union  
Small Business Survival Committee  
The National Center for Public Policy Research  
The 60 Plus Association  
Traditional Values Coalition  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
United Seniors Association